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## PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL

Applicants hereby petition for the above referenced application to be made special under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.102(c): a co-applicant, Professor Shutsung Liao's age. Professor Liao, born on January 1, 1931, is 71 years of age. In support of this petition, submitted herewith is Professor Liao's declaration verifying evidence of his age.

No fee is believed to be required. In any event, please charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No 06-1050.

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